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SUBJECT: SINO-US TALKS.

1. You should accept Chinese proposal for meeting their Embassy June 20 (ref A). Previous instructions (ref B) continue apply in terms of acceptance of whatever date Chinese propose (including date in late June or early July). If Chinese indicate they not able at this time to propose specific date for next meeting but suggest further meeting of liaison officers at later date or suggest date towards end of year, Emboff should express regret and indicate we believe interests of both PRC and US would be served by earlier substantive exchanges at Ambassadorial-level meetings.

2. Tone of Chen-Simon letter appeared unusually cordial

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("I have pleasure to inform you") and would seem suggest Chinese do not intend use June 20 meeting for political attack on US. Nevertheless if this does occur, EmbOff should respond in brief and restrained manner, rejecting ChiCom charges but emphasizing theme of continuing Ambassadorial exchanges.

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